



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4905

March 24, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a \$4,029,621 State and Tribal Assistance Grant in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Waukesha Water Utility, located at P.O. Box 1648, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53187-1648.

The funding would be used to treat the city's current facilities so that they can be used as the Emergency Water System as the city transitions to a new municipal water supply.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because City of Waukesha Water Utility was mandated by the federal government to bring its water system into compliance with the radium standards when the standard was lowered to its current level of 5 pCi/l. The City of Waukesha investigated options to address the radium issue and concluded that the only reasonable alternative was to develop a new water supply from the Great Lakes. The eight governors from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, unanimously approved the application submitted under the Great Lakes Compact. The implementation of this solution required the installation of a \$286 million project.

Once complete, the City will be required to abandon its existing radium treatment plants and wells at a significant cost to the ratepayers who are already bearing the costs associated with the new water supply. The city will also be required to monitor the return flow water quality as well as the Root River water quality for a minimum of 10 years.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Scott Fitzgerald
Member of Congress